

Claim Amendments

1. (Currently amended) A cage {1} for inclined ball bearings {2} ~~having~~ comprising ball pockets {4} which are adjacent to one another and are delimited from one another by webs {8}, retaining lugs {10} protruding from the webs {8}, ~~characterized in that wherein the elastically resilient~~ retaining lugs {10} are provided with flanks {11} which point in the opposite direction on the circumferential side and are inclined toward one another.

2. (Currently amended) The cage as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ each of the flanks {11} is described by at least one straight body edge {13}, the body edge {13} being inclined by an angle with respect to an imaginary plane, the plane emanating from the rotational axis {3} of the cage {1} and being aligned with the rotational axis {3} in the axial direction of the cage {1}.

3. (Currently amended) The cage as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ each of the flanks {11} is inclined with respect to a straight line which is imaginary and intersects the rotational axis {3}.

4. (Currently amended) The cage as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the circumferential spacing of two flanks {11} which face away from one another on a retaining lug {10} increases with decreasing radial distance from the rotational axis {3}.

5. (Currently amended) The cage as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the flanks {11} are flat faces {13a}, the faces {13a} being inclined at an acute angle with respect to one another.

6. (Currently amended) The cage as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the retaining lugs {10} protrude from face sections {17} on the webs {8}, the face sections {17} facing the rotational axis {3}.

7. (Currently amended) The cage as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein each of the ball pockets {4} has at least one side wall {14} having an approximately uniform wall thickness, the side walls {14} being arched at least in the axial direction, starting from the webs {8}.

8. (Currently amended) The cage as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the retaining lugs {10} protrude the furthest in the axial direction at most as much as the side walls {14} protrude the furthest in the axial direction, starting from the web {8}.

9. (Currently amended) The cage as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cage {1} has a side rim {9} which runs on the circumferential side, the side rim {9} delimiting the ball pockets {4} axially opposite the side walls {14}.

10. (Currently amended) The cage as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the smallest radial spacing of the side rim {9} from the rotational axis {3} of the cage {1} is greater than the greatest radial spacing of the side walls {14} from the rotational axis {3}.